

Sherlockianus Delineatus

OR, THE CHARACTER of a Sherlockian

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By Dr. Sberlock's late Book, or Reasons for taking the Oath of Allegiance to their Majesties K. William and Q. Mary.

DR. *Sherlock* having, more especially of late, since his taking the Oaths, made so great a Noise in the World, and greater since the Publication of his Famous Book, or Reasons in Justification of his doing it, and there being already some, and like to be many more grave and serious Answers to him, 'tis hop'd it may prove not a little divertive to give the true Character of a *Sherlockian*, whereby he may see how he looks himself, and others, how they like him.

There are three Ingredients then that goe to the making up of a true *Sherlockian*, viz. Pride, Obstinacy and Hipocrisie; to which may be added a fourth, viz. Enthusiasm, which may be not a little admir'd at in one, who accounted every one an *Embusiast* that had more Sanctity than himself; or that had any measure of the Holy Spirit, to whose Operation he was a Stranger, and so derided at it in others. As for his Pride, it proceeds from a Self-conceit of his Parts, which boyls up to such a height, that at length it breaks forth into the Itch after Popularity, a Disease almost incurable among some of the Clergy. As for his Obstinacy, it will in a short time dissolve in a sufficient quantity of *Aurum Fulminans*, and in the true *Aqua Regalis* of Self-Interest and Convenience. And then to conceal the suddenness of the unexpected Dissolution, Hypocrisie is ready at hand with an Expedient to instruct him how to steer between *Scylla* and *Carydis*, with the Ballast of a *Villanerie* in Tongue and a *Jacobine* in Heart. But then for his Enthusiasm, 'tis apparent, in that he resolves all into God Almighty's immediate Act; that he sets up Kings, and pulls down Kings, without any hand of the People in it; that Kings are *Jure Divino*, immediately from God, without the Choice or Consent of the People; and that when we have a Wicked Prince, he breaks the Law and subverts the Government, we must not resist him, for he is settled in God's Authority; but tho' we have a mind to rid of him and free our selves, we must not use the Means that God has put into our Hands to do it, but must leave it all to Providence; if God won'd show Miracles to deliver us;

which to Expect, is an Enthusiasm beyond *Venner's*, who relyed upon One's chafing a Thousand, &c. but He will not allow so much as one to stir, or resist, tho' the Knife is at their Throat, upon pain of Damnation: O the mighty Charm of *Sherlockian* Enthusiasm! And in this Luxuriancy of his Exalted Soul, He takes pleasure to claw his Itch after Popularity by affectation of a Name, like that of *Loyola*, *St. Francis* or *St. Dominick*. And now we talk of *Loyola*, the *Sherlockian* and the *Jesuite* may shake Hands together, in regard they both are well-skill'd in Double-dealing, and both pretend to the Starting of Questions between Sovereign Princes: Only there wants the Contrivance of a Monthly-Meeting, to see the whole Gang of his Admirers walk Chicken-a-Chicken-a-train-tro, by Couples, first to a Sermon, and then to a Feast at *Merchant-Taylors-Hall*, for the Honour of their Leader.

A *Sherlockian* may be said to be like a wicked Chyrurgeon, that with one Hand pours Balsom into a tender Wound, and with the other strews *Euphorbium* upon it, to fester it, and prolong the Cure: And thus he refuses the Oath to King *William* to heal King *James's* wounded Claim; and then takes the Oath, to the end he may have a plausible Pretence to wound King *William's* Lawfull Right. Thus, as our Watermen, he looks one Way and Rows another, and is like the *Serjeant in Q. Mary's days*, *Tam pro Querente, tam pro Descendente*; but he so Orders the Matter, that he may lose the Cause he seems to plead for; and so you may compare him to some Seas that by the Shoar at a distance seem to have good bottom, but when you come to faddom 'em, there is no Anchor-hold.

A thorough-pac'd *Sherlockian* will swear to a Popish Prince the first Minute of his Accession to the Throne, and is one of the first that will lend his hand to lead the Idolater up the Steps to it; though he cannot but know that by the Law a Papist ought not to inherit the Crown of *England*, and that therefore as good a House of Commons as we have had in *England*, Voted his Exclusion. And when this Popish King is settled, this *Sherlockian* will cinge like a Spaniel, and

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couch and lye down like *Iffachar* under the burthen of a severe Bondage, Preaching up and Practising *Passive Obedience* and *Non-Resistance*, tho' he acts never so Arbitrarily, and Infringes Liberty and Property; nay, and the Protestant Religion too never so much: *He is the Lords Anointed, and must not be touch'd or resisted upon Pain of Damnation.* Yet for all this Doctrine, this Politick *Sherlockian* has so much Cunning amidst his Bigottry, as not to assist his Popish King, when oppos'd by our Deliverer: Tho' that we are deliver'd is no thanks to him, since he wou'd not resist the Oppressor, nor assist our Deliverer. When this Protestant Prince, and our gracious Protector is acknowledged by the Nation in general, represented in full Convention and Parliament, this proud and conceited *Sherlockian* will not own him; but gives it as his Opinion not to be over hasty (in doing ones duty as he accounts it now) in taking the New Oath of Allegiance to him: and good reason for his delay, because his late Master K. *James* had a formidable Army in the Field, and he knew not on which side Providence wou'd cast the success: But when he sees his late K. *James's* Army broken by his Majesty King *William's* Victory at the *Boyn*, then he wonders how any one can refuse it, and strait becomes as pure a *Williamite* by being dipt in those Waters, as any Jew is a Christian after dipping in *Jordan*. And thus 'tis apparent what will open the eyes of a true *Sherlockian*, the Waters of the *Boyn* are the only Waters that could have this effectual Operation upon his Sight: They are beyond the Womans Urine that never knew any Man but her own Husband, which cur'd the blind Egyptian King, as *Herodorus* tells the Story. The Waters of *Jordan* were never more effectual to cure *Naaman's* Distemper, than the Waters of the *Boyn* to wash away the Leprosie of a *Jacobine* Conscience. O! the Power and Efficacy of the Waters of the *Boyn*. He was secretly concern'd, that is to say, vex'd in his Heart, that some, not many, of his old intimate Cronies had taken the Oaths: And tho' he refus'd to take 'em, he never engag'd in any Faction against it; nor ever made it his Business to dissuade men from it, any more than when his Opinion was ask'd, to declare his own Thoughts, viz. That all were perjurd who took 'em: Which I believe few doubt had greater Influence on his Admirers, (who were none of the wisest, seeing they could be influenc'd by him, in opposition to the great Body of the Nation, Lords and Commons, and the greatest and best part of the Bishops and Clergy, &c.) to hinder 'em from taking the Oaths then, than all his Reasons, grounded on such absurd Principles, can have on 'em to take 'em now, especially when

this Declaration of his own Thoughts, was back'd and confirm'd by his own Example of refusing 'em for above a year together.

A genuine *Sherlockian* has the Arrogance to think himself wiser and Honester than any of his Brethren; for he proudly declares, *That he does not know, that he has given any just Occasion to the World, to mark him out for a Dishonest Man or a Fool:* Tho' how he can be excus'd from being both, I can't see, when he does in effect call all those Rebels who resisted the late King *James*, and Assisted in bringing in his present Majesty King *William*. And how he can be Wife or Honest, that renounces not the Principles of that Foolish, Knavish, and Enslaving Doctrine of *Passive Obedience* and *Non-Resistance*, I can't understand: A Doctrine, which if it had been Preach'd and practis'd by others, as much as by the *Sherlockians*, wou'd have impeded our Happy Revolution, more than all the King's Forces cou'd have forwarded it; and so left us groaning under the Tyrannical Yoak of Popery and *Sherlockism*.

To sum up all, a right *Sherlockian* will live in every Air, side with every Government, and conform to all sorts of Revolutions: He will be an Advocate for the Great *Mogul*, the *Grand Seignor*, the *French King*, *Count Teckley*, or any other Prince or Potentate whatsoever; without respect to his Title, if he gets but once into possession: He believes that *Oliver* was as well settled in his Protectorship, as King *William* on his Throne, by Gods Authority: and so he blames his Loyal Ancestors for not swearing Allegiance then, as much as he does those who refuse to do it to King *William* now; by which he looks asquint on our present Government under his Majesty King *William*, as if it had no more Legal Foundation than that. I shou'd, as the Heathens, and looser sort of Pretenders to Christianity, adore good Fortune the Female Sex; so our *Sherlockian*, because he would not seem to make his Courtship to Harlot, worships her in the Male Sex, by the name of the Prince in Possession: and indeed 'tis no wonder that a Disciple of the Master the Temple shou'd admire eleven Points of the Law, and resolve to be Vicar of *Bray* itself. But upon the whole matter, 'tis apparent that the Compliance of a *Sherlockian* is only forc'd by the necessity of self Interest, and comfortable Importance; and therefore we may conclude with *Hudibras*,

*He that recants against his Will,
Is of the same Opinion still.*

THE END.

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